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Following please find:

1. Reply to Office Action dated March 22, 2004 regarding the referenced application; and
2. A copy of German Patent No. 7606741, along with an English translation of the same.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, the following faxed amendment(s) and remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record along with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

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